



A Comprehensive Conservation Program
for Indiana

CWI Input Sessions

- Additional CWI Funding: \$500K
- Total amount for programs: \$1.3M
- Tonight:
 - Briefly share preliminary concepts
 - Collect input on preliminary concepts
 - Collect additional ideas, concepts and/or proposals

CWI: Strategic Focus

- Any concept or proposal must include the following components:
 - Leveraging
 - SWCD Capacity
 - Technical Service

CWI: Leveraging

- The ability to invest funds and resources in order to capture dedicated funding from federal and other programs is a form of leveraging
- Every time a landowner receives technical assistance from the SWCD or ISDA-DSC, leveraging has occurred.
- Empowered leveraging is important when programs such as CREP enhance the financial opportunities for landowners
- ISDA-DSC Web-based tracking site

CWI: SWCD Capacity

What is SWCD Capacity?

- Inventory
- Analysis
- Planning
- Action

CWI: SWCD Capacity

- Highest priority: Deliver technical assistance, education and local resource management
- Should be empowered by state and local government
- Creates consistent and fair conservation
- Knowledgeable SWCDs offer the best long term potential because they can best address local needs

CWI: Technical Service

- Knowledgeable, well equipped and flexible
- Workforce development
 - Advancement opportunities
 - Retention
 - Dynamic career path
- Seamless structure
 - SWCD
 - Watershed
 - DSC
 - All supporting USDA when possible

Preliminary Concepts: Watershed Opportunity

- Create a [formal playing field](#)
- Does not replace Districts or State fields
- Leverage opportunities: inter-agency and federal (319, [LARE](#), USDA)
- Local ownership and direction will be critical for long term security

Preliminary Concepts: Watershed Structure

- 23 Watershed Regions
- Locally led & flexible
 - Watershed Advisory Boards
 - Watershed Business Plans
- Watershed-based staff
- Possible solution to Regional Technician struggles

Preliminary Concepts: Locally Led & Flexible

- Watershed Advisory Boards made up of Districts and local leaders
 - Whose ownership is critical to success?
- Priorities and positions would be driven by Watershed Advisory Boards
 - Local resource needs driven across the watershed.
 - Utilize District Business Plans

Preliminary Concepts: Watershed Staff

- 23 Watershed RS
 - Same duties as CIT RS
- 23 Watershed Agents
- 8 Watershed DSSs
- 8 CIT RSTL

Preliminary Concepts:

How do we pay for this approach?

- Providing 100% of the funding for every District that wants to participate in the watershed approach in lieu of the CWI grants program is one idea.
- Providing partial funding for every District and maintaining the Grants Program is yet another.
- Other factors to consider
 - Staffing levels, equipment cost fluctuations, cigarette use, CREP obligations, etc.

The opportunities are endless.

CWI Next Steps

- This is a preliminary concept
- We want your input!
- Please email your ideas or comments to:
cwicommments@isda.in.gov
- Or mail a letter to:
SSCB
c/o ISDA
101 W Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204
- We would like to receive all your comments by **July 27, 2007** so that the SSCB will have time to review them prior to their August Meeting.

Q & A

- Questions?
- Other Concepts?
- Comments?

Conservation Funds Available

Old CWI Funds		\$3,750,000
New CWI Allocation		\$500,000
ISDA-DSC Funds		\$1,900,000
Total Conservation Budget		\$6,150,000
Current Budget Expenses		
	Current Staff	-\$2,500,000
	Staff Expenses (Rent, Computers, Equip, etc.)	-\$830,000
	SWCD Match	-\$920,000
	CREP	-\$600,000
	Subtotal	\$1,300,000

*New program examples: Grants, Watershed Concept, State Cost-share Program, etc.

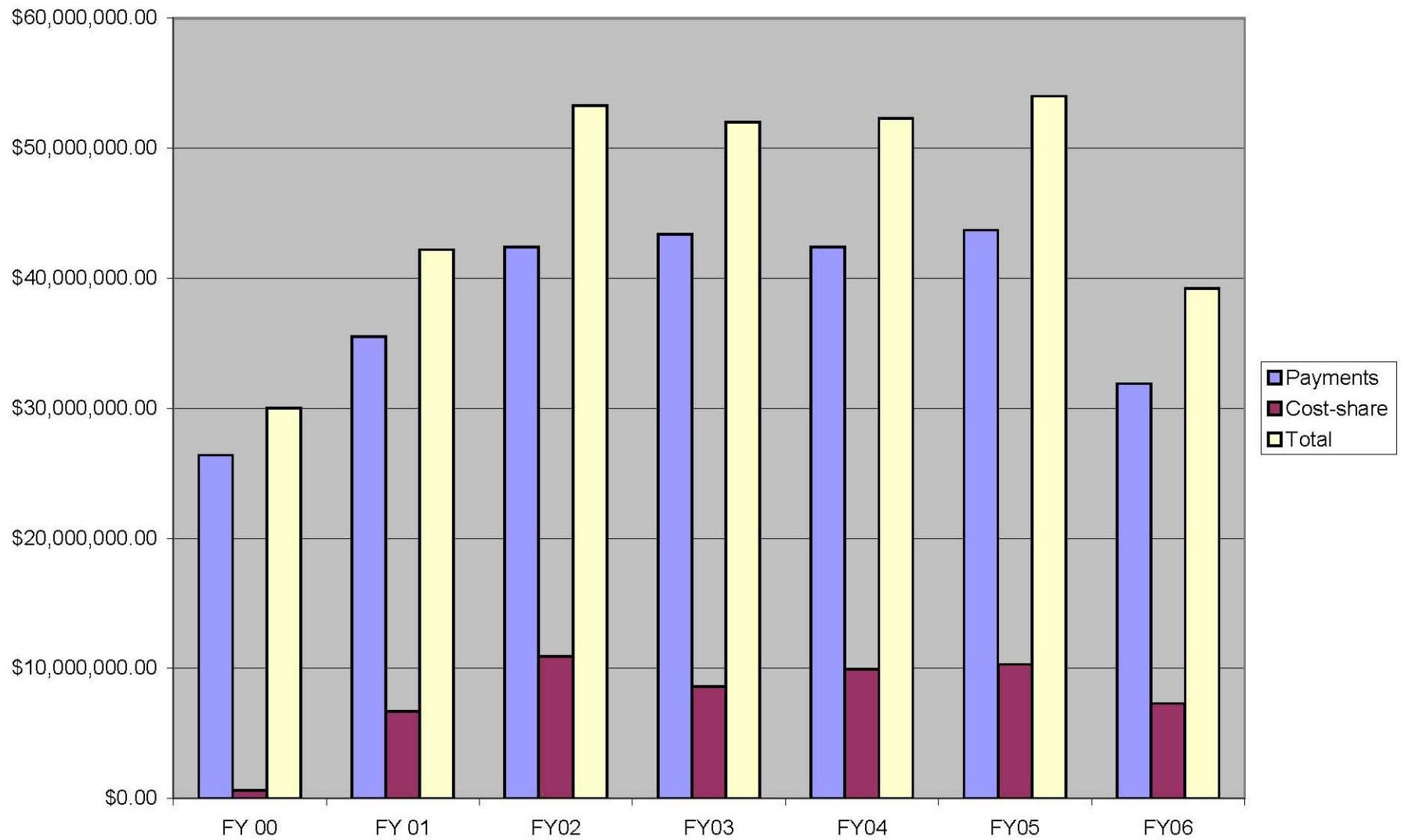
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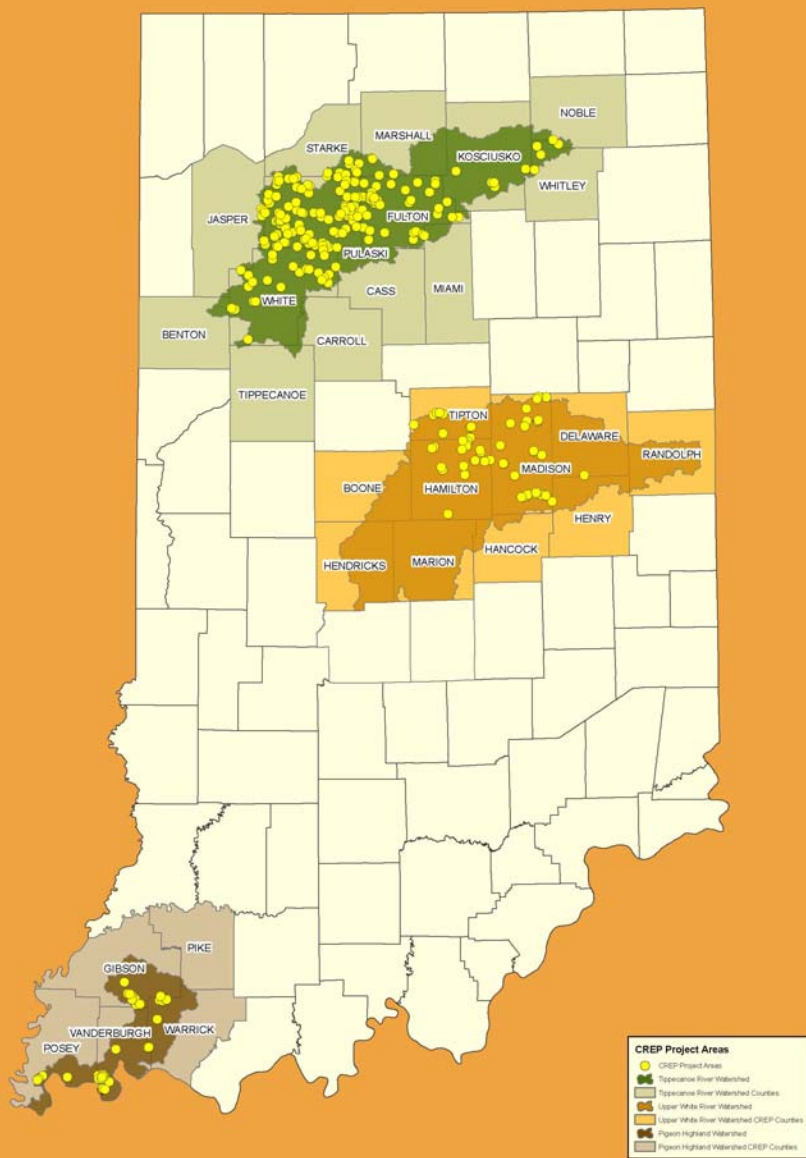
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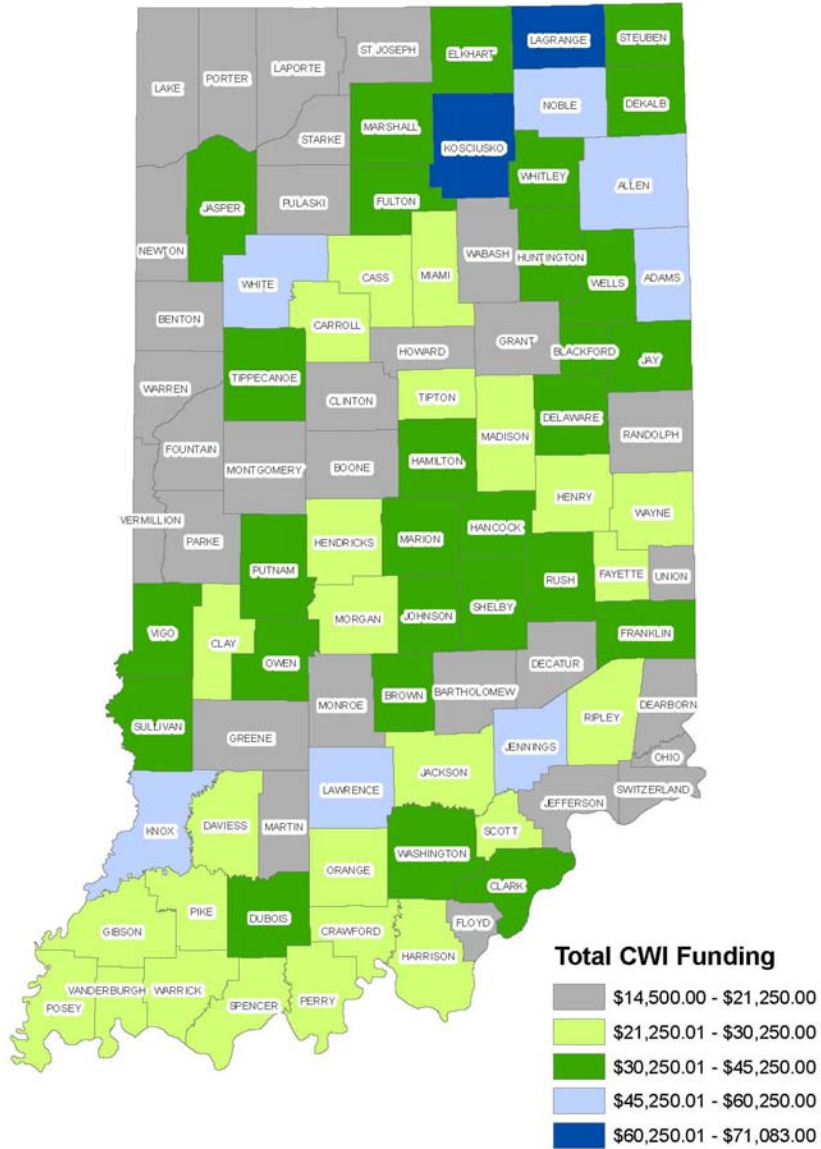
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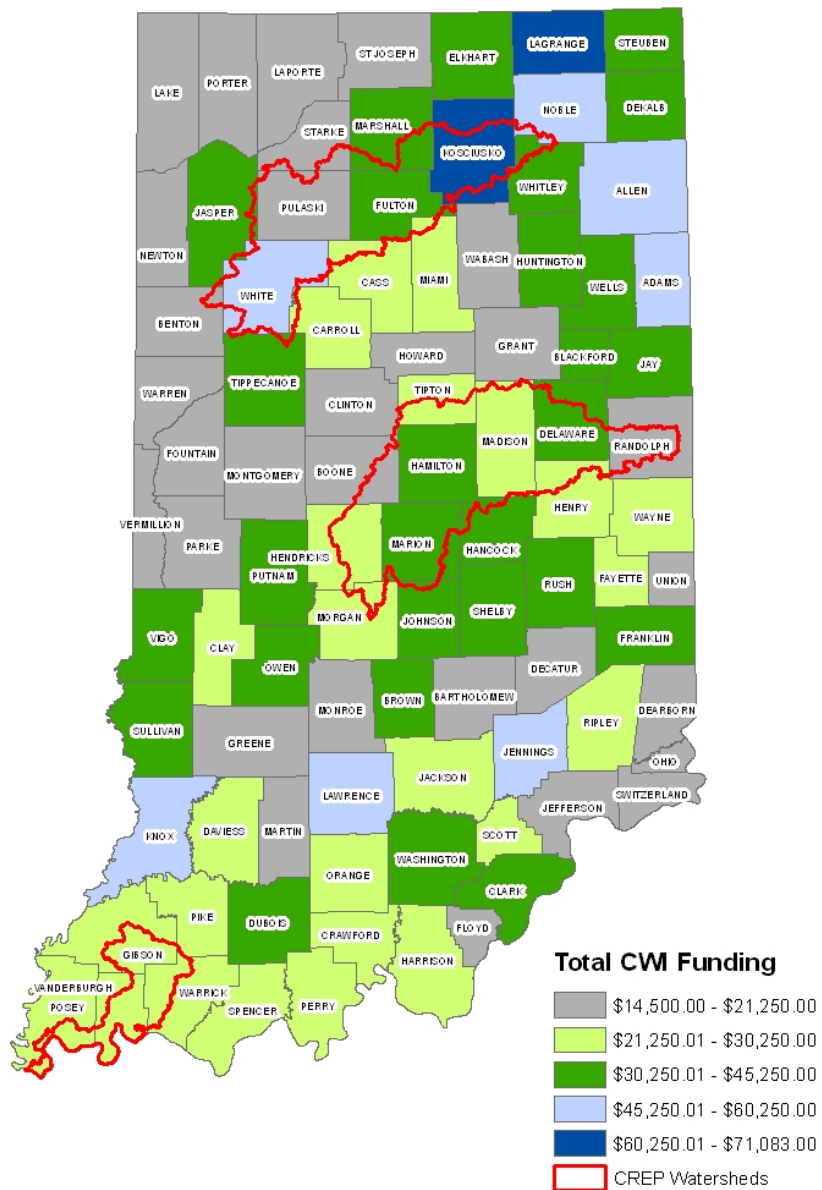
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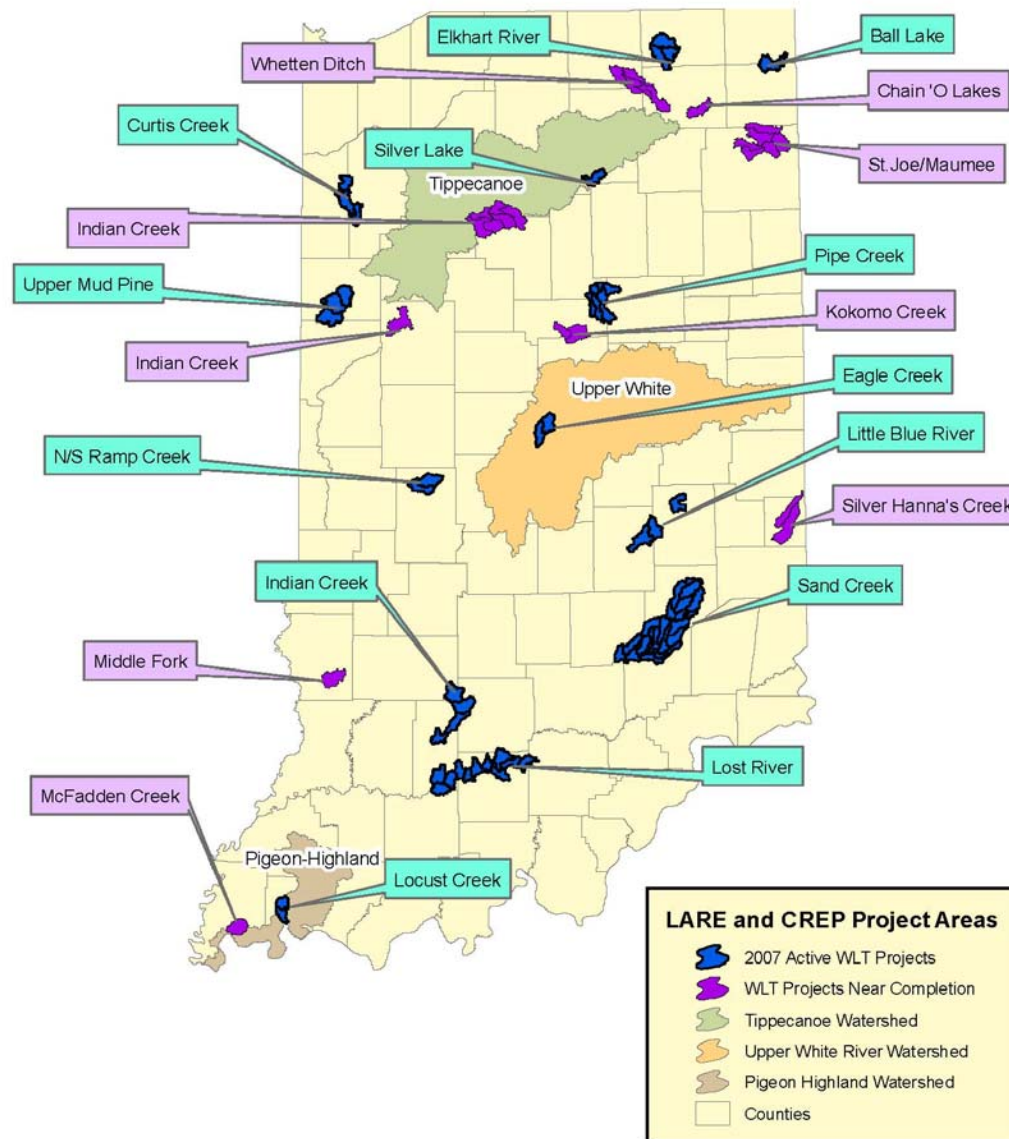
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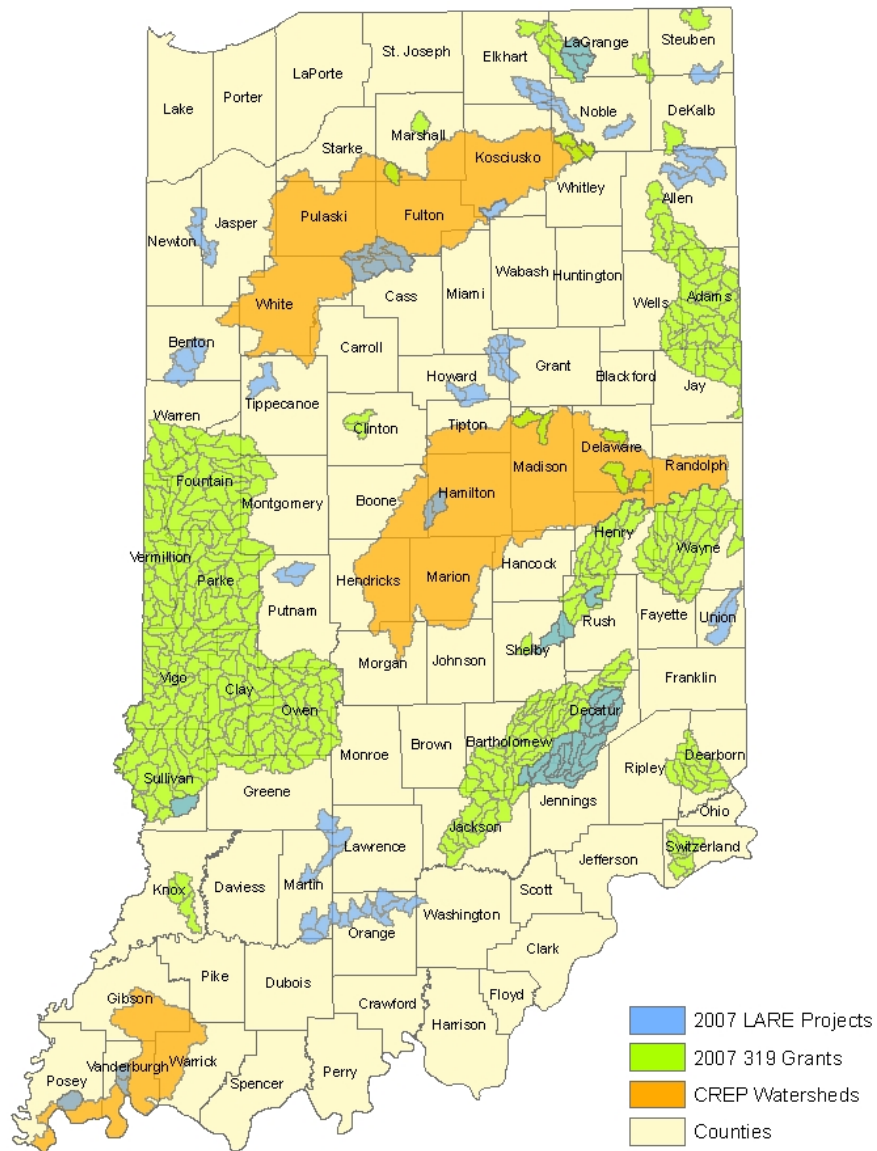
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2007 DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife Lake and River Enhancement Watershed Land Treatment Projects



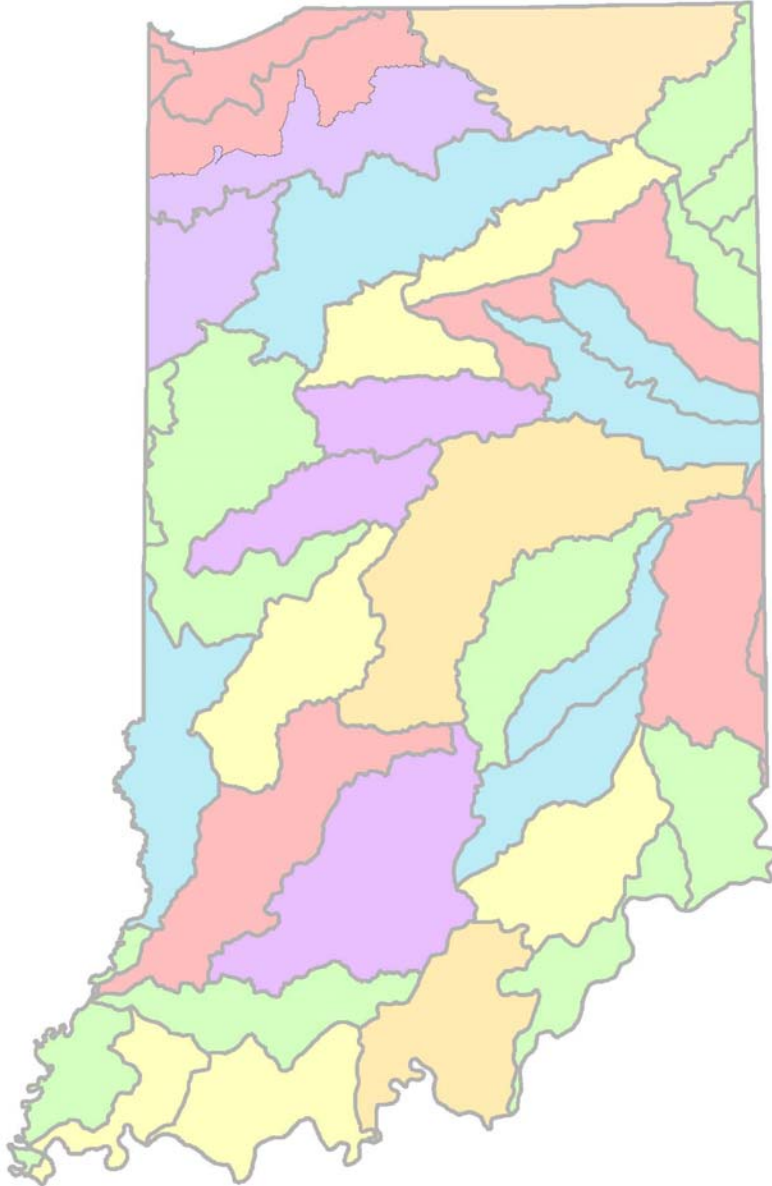
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2007 CREP, LARE, and 319 Coverage Areas



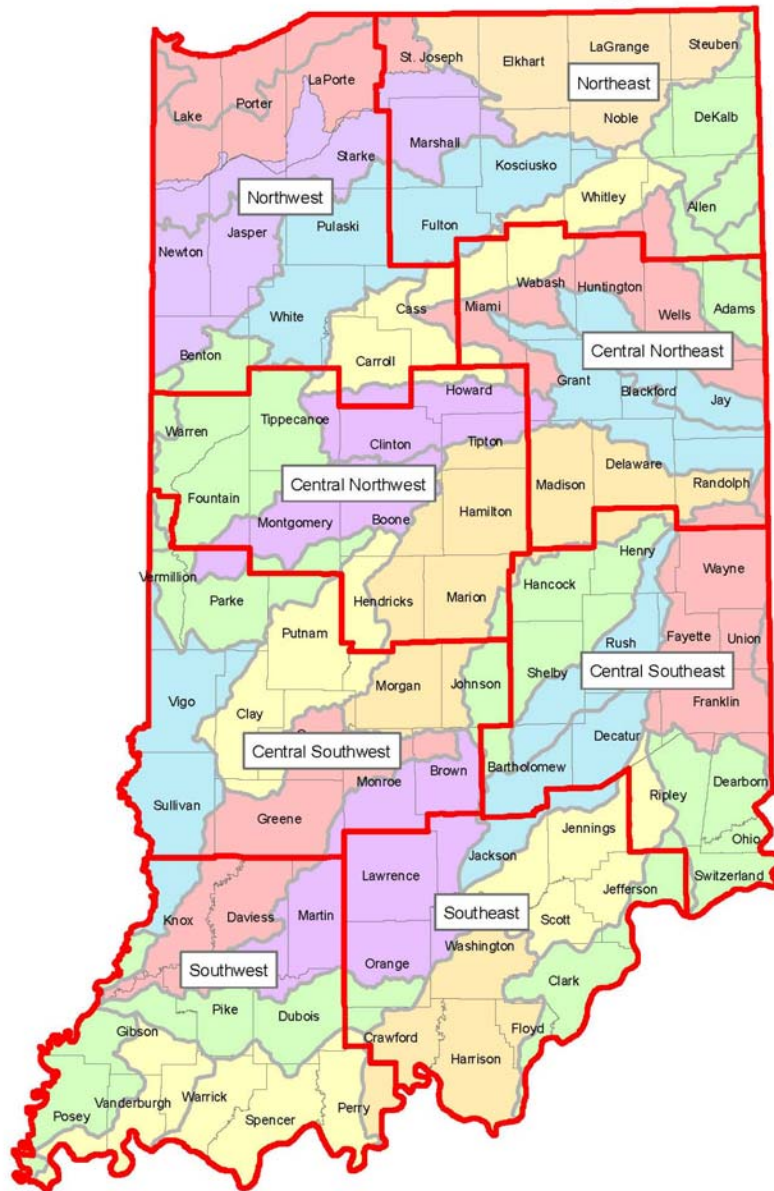
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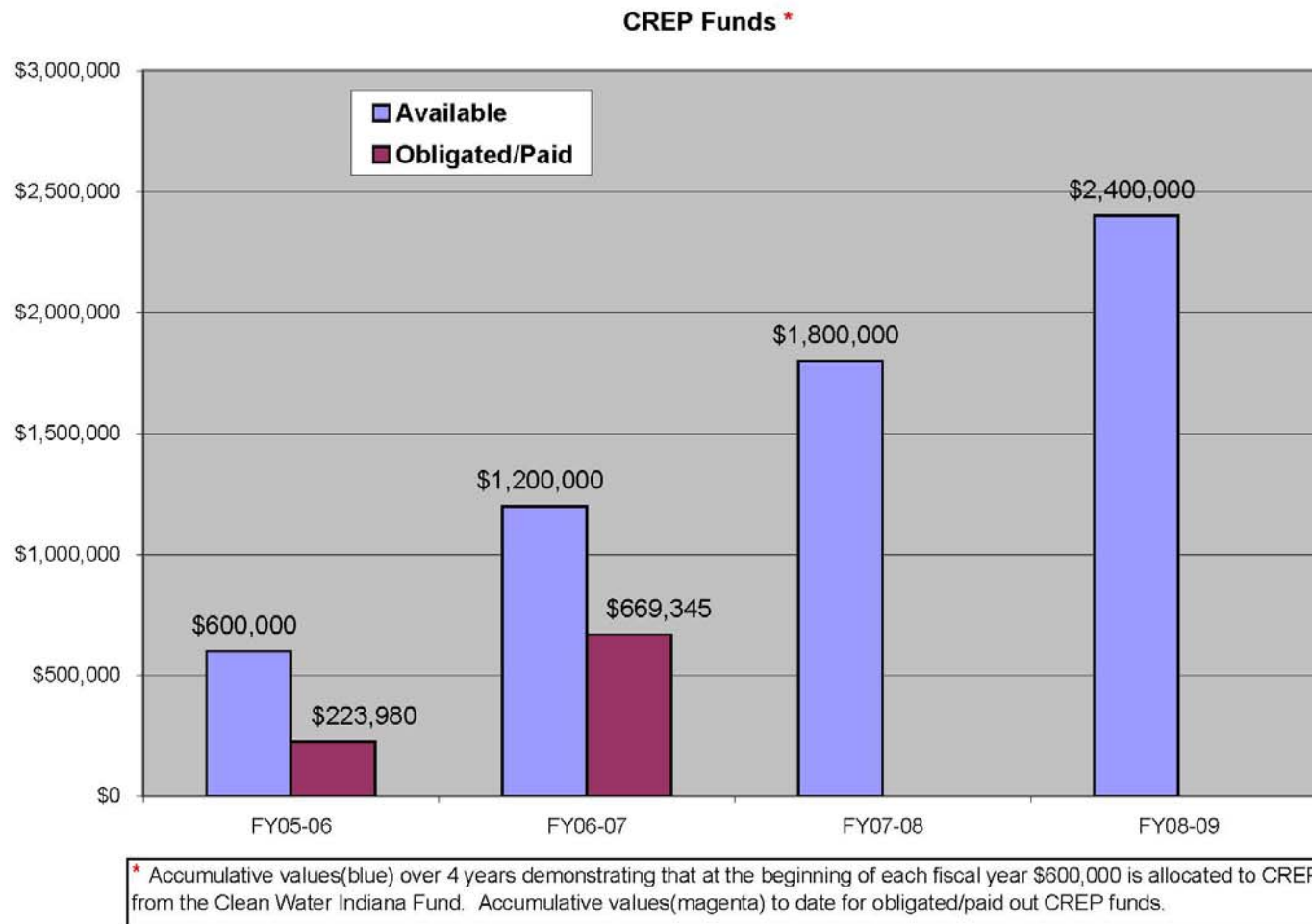


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Watershed and CIT Regions



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SWCD Partnering Watershed Package Budget

Technician/Vehicle/Equip		\$76,000
Watershed Areas		23
Total Cost		\$1,748,000
Acres in Indiana		23,139,431
Cost per Acre		\$0.08

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